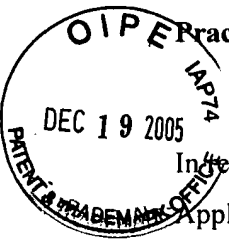


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Inventor application of: Smith et al.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
 - i. Prior to abandonment of the application

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ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is an amendment.

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 790.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	11	—	20	= 0 x \$ 50.00	= \$		0.00
INDEP.	2	—	3	= 0 x \$ 200.00	= \$		0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 360.00	= \$		0.00
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$		0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for one-month:

Fee: \$120.00

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$790.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00
Extension of time fee (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$120.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$910.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

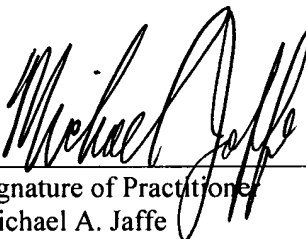
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